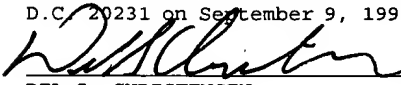
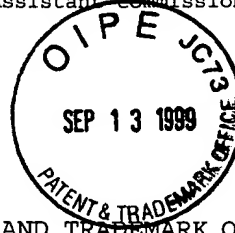


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The following amendment and response is responsive to an office action mailed on July 16, 1999, in the prosecution of the above-identified US patent application. This office action consisted of a restriction requirement.

Applicant elects the invention of FIG. 2, with claims 1, 2, and 6-9 being generic, and claim 5 drawn to the embodiment of FIG. 2. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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